

NATULKON ADOr'/'S KIH&NK.

Napoleon ho well knew the ei'feet whieh his presence pro-dueed that after a conquest be loved to show himseli' to the people whose territories he added to the Empire. Duroc, who always accompanied him when he was not en^a^ed on missions, gave me, a curious account of JN^rapoleoifs journey in 1807 to Venice and the other Italian provinces, which, conformably with the Treaty of Presburg, were annexed to the Kingdom of Italy.

In this journey to the Kingdom of Italy Napoleon had several important objects in view. He was planning great alliances ; and he loaded Eugene with favors for the purpose of sounding him and preparing him for his mother's divorce. At the same time he intended to have an interview with his brother Lueien, because, wishing to dispose of the hand of his brother's daughter, he thought of making her marry the Prince of the Asturias (Ferdinand), who before the Spanish war, when the first dissensions between father and son had become manifest, had solicited an alliauee with the Emperor in the hope of getting his support.¹ This was shortly after the eldest sou of Louis had died in Holland of croup. It has been wrongly believed that Napoleon ha.d an affection for this

to be on tables. In all this, no doubt, then* was considerable calculation, ami some affection, but it amused hi,s lordship and did no harm to any one. * He once refused an invitation to prolong bis stay for a day or two in the city of Leecc, at the extremity of the Italian peninsula, because lie bad a party fixed for HUch a day in London, and must travel on in order to be punctual to the hour! This oddity certainly made, the Italian gentry Htaro with astonishment. •
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¹ For Lueien's account of the interview with bin brother at Mantua on the Ilith December, 1 HOT, see lung's *Lueien*, tome ill, pp. H'J Ifi?. Napoleon offered Lueien everything if he would divorce, his second wife, Madame Joubertthon, and «poke of hisown divorce from Josephine, lie even hinted, says Lueien that ho might marry Charlotte,, the daughter of Lueimi, The brothers separated on fair terms, but did not see. one another 'again till IH15. In February, IKin, Lucien's daughter Charlotte wan sent to the Imperial Court to be ready for a marriage with the. I'rinee of the AHturian, later Ferdinand VII. of Spain, who had prayed Napoleon t < > grunt, him the honor of an alliance with an august princess 'of his family (*tin fVuw*, tome iy, p. U5H). *Krrt int* (tome H. J». J7j} denies this, but Bourricnc in luin* rij^ht. Another poHsibSe claimant of her hand was the Archduke Ferdinand, (rand Hukeof Wur/hurjj, brother of (lie ICmperor Kraneis of Austria, Napoleon s<<ems also to hale [<•!< bin way in 1H10 for a marriage between her and the Austrian Prince Imperial (see '!<•!<•!<•!< tome ii, p. a?!]). The girl disliked the; Court., and ridiculed its members and their manners in her lettera to her p-irents. These letters were opened by Napoleon, ami read by him to bl» indignant family, and the girl wan neiit back to her father. "Him married Prince. Mario UabriHii in JKJ5.